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The power of collaboration

16th Annual Native American Tourism of Wisconsin Conference

Eliza Decorah
 Staff Writer

Since 1994, the Ho-Chunk Nation has been one of eleven affiliated tribes in Wisconsin that has been involved with the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin and a proud sponsor to promote and protect Native American history and culture. Sixteen years later, NATOW is still going strong. On June 13-16, the St. Croix Chippewa Indians hosted the 16th annual NATOW conference at the St. Croix Casino and Hotel in Turtle Lake, WI.

Throughout the four day conference, many sessions and keynote speakers took the stage discussing topics on "The Power of Collaboration." President Wilfrid Cleveland had the honor to express a few words on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation's perspective on tourism in Wisconsin. Along with a brief history about the Ho-Chunk Nation, Cleveland illustrated how far the Ho-Chunk people have come and although we have been able to adapt to a modern lifestyle we still remain who we are while moving forward. Cleveland mentioned how we have always been a hospitable people, "Ho-Chunk's

enjoy sharing how we do things and how we are as a people."

One example Cleveland shared with the conference attendees was describing how Wisconsin Dells has been a prime area of tourism for the Ho-Chunk people to share history and culture through photography since the early 1900's through the H.H. Bennett studios. He described how H.H. Bennett was fascinated with the native people. "The Ho-Chunk resourcefully sought new ways to survive in the increasingly tourist-driven economy of the Dells." (Picturing Indians)

Through the years tourists have always been fascinated with the Native American culture and through the lens of a camera, pictures offer others a better understanding of the Ho-Chunk people. Many were dazzled to have a picture to show friends and relatives back home what a "real Indian" looked like.

Other ways the Ho-Chunk people have had an effect on tourism throughout time has been through basket making. Many families would make intricate baskets for travelers who would purchase the baskets as a souvenir. Back when Fort Dells was in Wisconsin Dells, women would sit all day and sell their baskets. Some well-known Ho-Chunk basket makers have been Ruth Cloud who has had several baskets displayed in the Smithsonian, Bertha Blackdeer, Lila Blackdeer, Sarah (Snake) WhiteEagle, Wanda Decorah, Violet Whitewing, Velma Lewis, and Alvina Foss. Sadly, there are only a few left that know the art of basket making but many more have been known to be basket makers throughout the years.

Gaming has also been a huge part of the Ho-Chunk culture. Horse races and foot races at powwows were just the beginning to Ho-Chunk gaming. Today, the Ho-Chunk Nation has six gaming facilities in Wisconsin. Cleveland gave credit to Governor Doyle for collaborating with the Ho-Chunk Nation and hopes to continue to improve relationships and find ways that would help the HCN take tourism in different directions and improve with time.

In closing, Cleveland said, "We each represent a Nation and we each have our ways of doing things and each tribe has their own concerns. It is a huge part of the reason behind NATOW and it is



(L-R) First place winners at the 2010 NATOW conference: Gerry Cleveland, Jr., Randy Cadotte, Quentin Thundercloud and Kerry Funmaker



(L-R) The second place team: Conroy Greendeer, Sr., Dennis Funmaker and Andy Thundercloud.

nice that we can all come together and collaborate."

The Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$5,000 to the event and looks forward to working together with the other tribes in Wisconsin to accomplish greater things. A special thank you to all those who helped sponsor and make this year's NATOW conference another success.

Congratulations also go to the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members who took this year's annual golf outing with another first place win and a second place win on the Cumberland Golf Course. The first place team was Gerry Cleveland, Jr., Randy Cadotte, Quentin Thundercloud and Kerry Funmaker. The second place team was Conroy Greendeer, Sr., Dennis Funmaker and Andy Thundercloud.



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President Wilfrid Cleveland saying a few words on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.



Participants listening and taking notes on moving forward in the tourism industry.



HO-CHUNK NATION
Department of Health & Human Services
Division of Child & Family Services

2010 Family Wellness Retreat
 Paid Administrative Leave

The Family Wellness Retreat will be August 11 and 12, 2010 at the Ho-Chunk Nation Convention Center, Baraboo, WI.

Paid administrative leave for employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation will be approved both days for the parent(s), guardian(s) and placement parent(s) that are working with Child and Family Services who have registered prior to May 14, 2010 or begin receiving services from CFS in May, June or July and this would be an appropriate event to attend. In this situation the CFS Director would have to sign the registration form to acknowledge service eligibility.

Paid administrative/approved annual leave for employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation that register May 17, 2010 through July 2, 2010 will be approved as follows:

August 11, 2010-half day program, banquet and family activity-----Approved annual
 August 12, 2010-full day program---Approved administrative leave

If the individual or family lives over 50 miles and request a room they must register for and must attend both days of the event to receive a free room.

All employees of Ho-Chunk Nation receiving paid administrative leave to attend the Child and Family Services 2010 Family Wellness Retreat must follow the steps listed:

1. Obtain approval for administrative leave from his/her supervisor according to the Employee Relations Act.
 (Determining attendance at a particular day of the conference or both days of the conference is the employee and supervisor's responsibility).
2. Must register by Friday May 14, 2010 or have CFS Director Signature of service eligibility if you are working with CFS for the two day paid administrative leave.
3. Must register between May 17, 2010 and July 2, 2010 to receive the one day paid administrative leave and eligibility for second day annual leave.
4. Must attend full schedule of conference approved by supervisor

EITHER:

All of both days: Wednesday August 11, 2010 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and Thursday August 12, 2010 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

OR:

All of either day of conference (days/times of conference listed above)

4. Must register on the Employee-Administrative Leave Registration sheet provided at the Family Wellness Retreat registration table and provide the following:

Printed name
 Department name
 Supervisor
 Supervisor's location of office
 Signature

5. Must sign in on the Employee-Administrative Leave Presentation/Session Sign In sheet at the beginning of all presentations/sessions attended throughout the day identifying proof of attendance per presentation.

All 2010 Family Wellness Retreat Employee-Administrative Leave Registration sheets and Presentation/Session Sign In sheets will be forwarded either via interoffice mail or postal service (which ever is most time efficient and allowed) by Luann Krpata, Social Services Executive Administrative Assistant to the listed department Executive Directors and Supervisors by Friday August 29, 2010.

The 2010 Family Wellness Retreat administrative leave is:

☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved

Wilfred Cleveland
 President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Date

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Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

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July 2010

| Date | Topic |
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| July 1 | Motivation |
| July 15 | Meal Planning |

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The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact:
 Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335

Looking back

What was in the headlines fives, 10 and 15 years ago.

1995

Groundbreaking takes place for the new Majestic Pines Bingo and Casino in Black River Falls. The building is expected to be completed in April, 1996.

2000

Following his being served with a "Notice of Intent to Remove from Office", Ho-Chunk Nation President Jacob LoneTree calls for a Special General Council to be held July 8 at the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-Wow Grounds in Black River Falls.

2005

On June 10, 105 acres of property owned by the Nation was officially put into trust land status by the BIA. Known as the HAGA property, the land, located in the towns of Komensky and Brockway will be used primarily to establish housing opportunities for tribal members in the Black River Falls area.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Child & Family Services

Family Wellness Retreat

August 11 and 12, 2010

“Strengthening Our Communities for a Healthier Tomorrow”

Ho-Chunk Convention Center, S3214 Hwy. 12, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

Wednesday, August 11th

11:00 - Registration / Buffet Lunch

1:00 - Opening Ceremonies

1:30 – 1:45 - Ice Breaker

1:45 – 2:00

Introduction of afternoon activity-
Roles & Responsibilities of Ho-
Chunk Men & Women

2:00 – 4:00

Separate Men & Women Work
Groups (break items offered in
room) (break as group decides)

4:00 – 4:30 - Room Registration

4:30 – 5:00 - Wrap - up

5:00 - 6:00 - Banquet

6:00 – 7:30

Interactive Family Evening



Chloris Lowe, Sr., and Kaidan Stewart

Thursday, August 12th

8:00 - 9:00 - Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 - Keynote Speaker
Dr. Delores Bigfoot

9:15 – 12:00

Dr. Bigfoot - Trauma and impact on
children and the family

12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch

1:00 pm - Family Group Activities

3:30 – 4:00 - Closing

FREE REGISTRATION

Aug. 11

Ho-Chunk Convention Center

11 am - 12:30 pm

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Educators address the Native drop-out rate

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

Meeting at Ho-Chunk Convention Center on June 14-15, educators from throughout Wisconsin addressed an issue of vital concern in Indian Country: The educational challenges facing Native youth and why so many of those youth are failing to meet those challenges.

Organized by CREATE (Culturally Responsive Education for All: Training and



Dr Susan Faircloth believes that Native students dropping out of school is a national crisis.

Enhancement) WISCONSIN, the conference focused on the "The Dropout/Graduation Crisis Among American Indian Students."

Data from 2006 indicates that in Wisconsin the estimated high school graduation rate among all students is 82 percent. Among Native students the number drops to 55 percent. Educators shared

their thoughts and ideas on why the graduation rate is so low among Native students, the future consequences associated with the low graduation rate and what can be done to promote education in Native communities.

Presenter Dr. Susan Faircloth, an enrolled member of the Coharie Tribe, who currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at Penn State University believes that Native families and educators need to do a better job emphasizing that education does not replace tradition. "Tradition is my life. Education is my future," is the message we should be sending our Native youth, she said.

At a round table discussion, educators listed some of the reasons why they believe Native youth are not completing high school. Some of reasons given include; a lack of belonging, lack of role models (lack of Native teachers), lack of parental involvement or interest. Also cited was peer pressure not to do well and issues related to substance abuse and legal problems.

Faircloth believes that while tribal government and public education officials frequently discuss the dropout crisis in Indian Country, not enough thought is given to the consequences associated with dropping out.

Faircloth said that because the median age of Native Americans and Alaska Na-

tives is younger than the general population, it is especially important to secure more positive educational outcomes. She noted "that a failure to ensure that Native youth graduate from high school places the entire population at risk." The effects are readily evident, she said. For example, Native people without high school diplomas are less likely to join the workforce and those who do tend to be employed in more service oriented than professional/managerial level jobs. These jobs are much more likely to lack the benefits and pay needed to support a family. Among the other consequences is a large gap in home ownership that is strongly related to educational and income levels, she warned.

Across the United States, Indian gaming has created new opportunities for Native people and Faircloth stressed that education is needed for tribal members to take full advantage of these opportunities. Noting that Indian children are being held accountable for something that is out of their control, often because of the financial strains placed on local school boards, Faircloth warns the educational trend must be reversed. At a time when students are being told that if they just worked harder they would succeed, Faircloth believes the schools themselves need to be held more account-

able in solving the education crisis in Indian Country.

In a report written earlier this year with co-author John Tippeconnie III, Faircloth expressed what she believes needs to be done. "Policy makers, budget appropriators, school boards, superintendents, principals, teachers, counselors, tribal leaders and other stakeholders must take action and demand that this crisis be halted. No longer can we sit back and wait for change to happen. Failure to respond to this crisis will have disastrous consequences for native peoples across the nation, including a widening social and economic gap between American Indians, Alaska Natives and the larger population, a real and immediate threat to the self-sufficiency of tribal peoples and their nations. This is a national crisis that must be addressed now," she wrote.

During the conference, Faircloth identified some strategies that she believed if used properly, could decrease the dropout rate and increase the graduation rate among Native students. Referring to studies done by E.A. Brandt and Jon Reyhner, she urged educators in policy makers to:

- Review and revise school policies and avoid implementation of policies that exclude, repress, demean, embarrass, harass or alienate Native students.
- Make schools physically, mentally and emotionally safe

by working to end racism, sexual harassment and other forms of physical and emotional assault.

- Demonstrate an ethic of care and concern for students.
- Hold high expectations for students and challenge them to succeed.
- Avoid the use of negative stereotypes.
- Recognize that not all students perform or achieve the same.
- Avoid blaming students or their parents and families for their academic failure or the low performance of the school.
- Actively involve parents and families in schools and communities.
- Individualize instruction and work to actively engage students in the learning process.
- Provide opportunities for students to be immersed in their Native language and culture and develop and implement culturally appropriate and relevant curricula.
- Prepare educators to work with native students. This includes pre-service as well as in-service professional development opportunities.
- Use tests and assessments as a means of supporting and assisting students rather than as a means of promoting failure.

Learning from the Menominee School District:
Also in attendance were

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Motivation, dedication, and a lot of hardwork

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

In a lifetime, many people struggle and go through different trials and tribulations. Despite a few bumps along the way, Ho-Chunk tribal member Kiana Beaudin finds inspiration and motivation with the help from her tutors, support from her family, and her own dedication to earn a diploma and graduate from UW-Madison's Physician's Assistant Program in May of 2010, and who is also a recent finalist for an Outstanding Student Award from the University of Madison.

"She has overcome so many obstacles in her life and has come so far," says long time friend and mentor, Tess Arenas, who nominated Kiana "for her hard work and dedication."

An only child, born in Madison, WI on February 19 to Janice Lincoln and John Beaudin, she looked up to her parents but always found her dad to be her driving force.

Kiana was a "daddy's girl" and often referred to as her father's shadow. At the young age of thirteen, Kiana was devastated when her father passed away from a rare form of skin cancer. Often times, Kiana would go to appointments with her father and was amazed at how the human body worked and how doctors were able to help with diseases. She was fascinated with the medical field and wanted to learn more.

After 4 years of high school and cramming for college prep exams, Beaudin graduated from Madison Memorial High School where she earned a "Student of the Month Award." She then attended Madison Area Technical College and later transferred to UW-Madison to attain her Physician's Assistant degree.

Trying to balance her social life with negative influences, work, and her education, she soon realized it took a lot of hard work and dedication. By

her second semester at MATC, she had to withdraw because she started to fall behind. Having a hard time finding motivation in her prerequisite courses, procrastination became one of her favorite past times.

Life soon changed for Kiana when she found out she was pregnant. Beaudin knew she had to be more responsible and she also wanted to provide a stable life for her son. With more dedication than ever, Kiana went back to school.

With direction from a school advisor for the Physician's Assistant program, Beaudin made it and is on her way to a better life as a single mother with a Physician's Assistant degree. Although some courses were very frustrating and discouraging at times, she pushed herself forward through tutoring help from the Academic Advancement Program (AAP) which placed her in a Scientific Scholars Program.



A proud mother, Janice Lincoln, with her finalist honoree daughter, Kiana Beaudin.

As Kiana reflects back on her life thus far and the obstacles she has been able to overcome, she finds it fitting that before when her father was her driving force, her four year old son named after her father, John Beaudin II, fills his grandfather's shoes and is

now her driving force.

With a sigh of relief, Kiana now looks forward to spending quality time with her family, as well as travelling, and maybe putting on her fancy dance gear and attending a few pow-wows.

Blugold sophomore earns basketball scholarship to UW-Madison

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal member, 15 year old Bronson Storm Koenig, son of Ethel Funmaker and Paul Koenig, has been turning heads in the bleachers, on the benches, and the University of Wisconsin Madison Men's basketball team. As a sophomore at Aquinas High School in La Crosse, WI, a Division III



Aquinas High School sophomore, Bronson Koenig.

school, blugold sophomore earned a basketball scholarship to UW-Madison after attending the Badgers Advanced Camp on June 14 and 15.

Koenig was introduced to the camp from his AAU (amateur athletic union) coach, Ritchie Davis, from the Playground Warriors basketball team. For the past 10 summers, the Wisconsin Badger basketball camps have taken place and are open to high school boys and incoming college freshman. Campers learn to run the Badger's offense in competitive camp games and pick up new skills.

Koenig unexpectedly, on his way home from the advanced camp, received a call from coach Davis, who relayed the message that he needed to call the head coach at UW-Madison, Bo Ryan who has coached for 26 seasons, has been in 9 NCAA Tourney

teams since 1980, and holds two Conference titles.

The desire and motivation to sharpen his game and stay in shape for the summer led to impressing the head coaches at the UW-Madison advanced camp, to a basketball scholarship in the fall, 2013 season as a Badger. Currently, Koenig also has recruiters from Toledo, Iowa and UW-Green Bay keeping an eye on him as a future baller. With so many decisions and three years of high school left, his options are open. "That is a couple years from now and I want to see what others may have to offer."

Future goals are to graduate from high school, continue to play basketball, and "hopefully play basketball for a division one college." Bronson recently received an Honorable Mention in the All State Associated Press. He is also the first freshman to play as a



Koenig guards his opponent.

starter on the varsity team at Aquinas high school and the first freshman listed on the first team for the Mississippi Valley Conference.

With support from the Ho-Chunk Nation, Legislation donated \$5,000 to the Wisconsin Playground Warriors

which was much appreciated by the team, Koenig, and his parents.

Good luck on your future Bronson and congratulations on achieving a great honor at such a young age. With a lot of hard work and dedication, you can do it.

Strength in numbers

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

Although there were youth trips scheduled at Mount Olympus and Noah's Ark, approximately 40 dedicated Ho-Chunk youth gathered at the Heartwood Conference Center in Trego, WI on June 16-18. Ho-Chunk Nation's Youth Services Director, Lanette Walker planned the 3 day youth general council event to encourage youth to "take an active part within the Ho-Chunk Nation and to aspire them to become future Leaders of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

In 2009, Ho-Chunk youth met for the first time to set up their own youth general council in order to have a better understanding of how the Ho-Chunk Nation's government works and how the HCN is one of few tribes to actually have the four branches of government. At that time, the youth were able to brainstorm and bring issues and concerns in front of their peers that were taking place, through a mock general council meeting.

This year's general council was focused more on team building skills and cooperation roles in order to work together as leaders. The first team challenge was to be divided into four teams and cooperatively work together and make a banner for their team and a series of questions. Each team was judged on their knowledge of tribal government. Team names were: Big Bad Nups, Ninja Ke-Cak, Jems, and High Five. Throughout the conference the teams had four chal-

lenges and at the end, team JEMS took home bragging rights.

Other topics discussed were on public speaking, self-advocacy, handling stress, being organized, and problem solving tools. The four branches of government were also discussed, what their roles are and how they work together. In order to really understand a branch of government, the youth split up into the four branches. Some youth already hold a position as a youth general council member and chose to go to a different group to learn more, or because they were interested to be a part of in the future.

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, Lawrence Walker, Jr. spoke to the youth on topics that they could possibly face in years to come. The main topic and example was on the possession of eagle feathers. Many acts have been set in place thanks to those Native Americans who have come before and decided on the specifics of what the acts should entail. Another aspect Walker warned the youth about was to be careful how things are written into law and to put a lot of thought into the laws they could possibly set in place one day. Everyone is different and someone could interpret the law in a negative way which could work against the Native American people.

Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Administrator, David Greendeer also gave the youth something to think about as they become the future leaders of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Greendeer stressed the importance of understanding the community, prosperity, learning, land, and government. "These are five critical



Legislature Lawrence Walker Jr. discusses with Ho-Chunk Nation youth on how HCN's government works.

components to the success of the Ho-Chunk Nation and also help create order," said Greendeer. He also emphasized the need to learn the Ho-Chunk Nation's constitution and stay aware of problems and situations that could affect the Ho-Chunk Nation, because it could possibly be something the youth will have to face and experience later on.

Lawrence closed in telling the youth, "Learn what you can along the way, learn all the time and use it, and always remember who you are representing."

Tristen Tipton, 12 years old, said "I'm learning a lot. Learning about the eagle feathers is what I found most interesting."

Youth Council Member, Danee Walker also shared her experience of being able to attend the signing of In-

dian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Being present at the signing she felt, "Very honored and I think it is very important to have Native taking care of Native so they don't lose who they are and their culture."

The Ho-Chunk Nation's youth services centers were also able to discuss current issues such as the lack of language teachers, funding distribution, as well as thoughts to a Native American Boarding school. Although youth coordinators try, they are not always capable of providing a solution, however, Lanette did tell the youth to discuss their concerns with their local youth center coordinator and that their strength will come in numbers to help find an answer. This lesson can also be carried on to their future and live up to what being Ho-Chunk really means, *people of the big voice*.



Youth's General Council for Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells Area, ready to show their strength in numbers.



Youth's General Council for Tomahawk Area, ready to fight for world peace.



Youth's General Council for Milwaukee Area, smiles even after a long trip.



Youth's General Council for Wittenberg Area, ready to do business.

Non-serviceable flags retired

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On June 14, during a noon ceremony held on the grounds of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129, Ho-Chunk veterans retired approximately 200 American flags taken from cemeteries and other sites. Discolored, tattered and deemed unfit for display, the flags were cremated at a ceremony featuring the Ho-Chunk Nation "Flag Song".

The United States Flag Code states "the Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem

for display, shall be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably burning."

June 14 is "Flag Day", a day often chosen to conduct flag retirement ceremonies. Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Veteran Affairs Officer, Robert Mann, stated that the retired flags were picked up or dropped off outside the Legion Building in a special "mailbox" designed specifically for that purpose. Those with worn out flags can drop them off at the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post, alongside the Executive Building in Black River Falls, anytime throughout the year.



Ho-Chunk Nation veterans (left to right) Douglas Greengrass, Ray Lopez, Michael Rave, William Goodbear and Robert Mann during the Flag Retirement ceremony held June 14.



(Left): Discolored, tattered and worn out flags were cremated during a Flag Day ceremony held outside the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post.

Wisconsin Indoor Smoking Ban to begin July 5

Tribal gaming enterprises exempt

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Beginning July 5, Wisconsin's Indoor Smoking Ban approved by state lawmakers and signed into law by Governor James Doyle in May 2009 goes into effect. Provisions of **2009 Wisconsin Act 12** will prohibit smoking in all public places and workplaces including taverns and restaurants.

Due to tribal sovereignty provided by federal law, Native owned casinos and enterprises are exempt from the law. The Ho-Chunk Nation recently announced how the Indoor Smoking Ban will affect its operations.

When passed, the law did exempt tribal casinos and the Nation has made accommodations for all patrons and employees. In a joint statement, the Nations Public Affairs Team announced how the new law will affect operations at the Nation's gaming facilities,

restaurants, bars and hotels.

Because "serving all our guests is the Nation's one concern," each facility has provided space for smokers and non-smokers on the gaming floor. While all gaming facilities are exempt from the new law, each facility is unique and the new law will affect each facility differently.

The Nation's two hotels have different policies. Because the hotel and convention center at the Wisconsin Dells location are not on trust property, both areas will become smoke free on July 5. The Black River Falls hotel is on trust property and will continue to offer smoking and non-smoking rooms.

With the exception of the Tomah and Wittenberg sites, all the Nations gaming facilities offer non-smoking areas. In anticipation of the smoking ban, the Nation has invested in ventilation, heating and air

filtration/conditioning systems at all its facilities but the small size of the Tomah casino limits the ability to provide a non-smoking section. Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg also has never had a non-smoking section. Opened in 2008, the facility offers the newest in air quality systems which cycles its entire air capacity six times every hour. The air comes from the outside and passes through flooring vents and removes the exhausted air through the ceiling exhaust. The state of the art energy recovery units keep the air the highest efficient possible and officials see no need to designate a non-smoking area at the site.

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells will offer more than 11,000 square feet of the gaming floor to non-smoking gaming. More than 264 slot machines will be in non-

smoking areas. The Guest Service area, the Off-Track Betting and Poker Room will be non-smoking. The Copper Oak Restaurant and Sunrise Cliffs Café and a portion of the Standing Rock Buffet will be non-smoking. A quarter of the Bingo Hall has a designated non-smoking section.

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison will offer 6,000 square feet of non-smoking floor space.

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa will offer over 11,000 square feet of smoke free gaming. The Poker Room, Slot Room, Banquet Center, Snack Bar and Rainbow Grille Restaurant will all be smoke free. The table games area will provide two smoke free tables.

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls will offer a non-smoking gaming section of approximately 8,000 square feet. Air quality systems

throughout the facility exchange the air every seven minutes. The Snack Bar will allow smoking and the Buffet will have smoking and non-smoking areas.

Offices in the gaming enterprises will be smoke free. Break will be provided for smokers and non-smokers alike.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation has long had an eye on health, not just for the customers but for employees too," said Anne Thundercloud, Public Relations Officer. "We've expanded a great deal of resources improving the air quality of our casinos before the smoking issue was generating headlines. Ho-Chunk Gaming is committed to providing the most fun and exciting entertainment destinations for all to enjoy."

Educators

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Wendell Waukau, Superintendent of the Menominee Indian School District and Menominee Cultural Resource Specialist, Paula Fernandez. Established in 1976 the Menominee School District serves approximately 950 students (the vast majority from the Menominee Reservation) in four buildings, including a high school with 350 students.

Fernandez explained the benefits of cultural interjection into the curriculum. "We're giving kids a chance

to learn their culture." She and Waukau explained that throughout the district educators work hard to incorporate traditional beliefs with modern education strategies. In the classroom or on field trips students focus on learning the Menominee Language while participating in traditional activities like tapping maple trees, fishing, processing wild rice and learning and playing traditional games. "You can't take the culture out of us," Waukau stressed.

He continued that part of the strategy includes the need to recognize students when they do the right things. "We also need to give them the

right information when helping them choose a career," he added. Part of giving students the right information includes having outside professionals and educators address the students.

Admitting that although there is no magic answer for why the district has been successful retaining its students, Waukau attributes part of the success to creating an atmosphere that lets the students know school is where they belong. "We try to make school like a second home," he said.

In its quest to combine cultural lessons with modern technology, Waukau continued that "grandfather's teach-

ings" are a major part of all lesson plans. "Native stories always have a place in our curriculum."

He explained that throughout the district there is a cultural calendar that helps students learn about their culture and helps them identify who they are. Each month is devoted to learning part of a traditional activity. For example, December is devoted to Native storytelling, March to collecting maple syrup and April to fishing. "The benefits of cultural teachings in the classroom are invaluable," he said. "We have made the school a part of the community."

In 2009 Menominee High School had a graduation rate exceeding 80 percent, well above the norm in Indian Country. In the past four years, the truancy rate has decreased by 30 percent in the high school and 44 percent in the middle school. Waukau credits the establishment of a relationship with the community as a key factor for the school's improved performance. "We're giving our students and the community a voice in the ownership of our school."

Getting ahead of the game

Small Business Contracting and Applying TEROs

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

An overview of small business contracting in Wisconsin was presented by Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, Samantha Greendeer – Attorney, Whyte Hirschboeck and Dudek, S.C., at the 2010 Economic Summit for Tribal Leaders hosted by the College of the Menominee Nation held June 18-19 in Keshena, WI.

“As a business owner, you likely enter into contractual relationships every day and many deal with written contracts on a regular basis. However, do you understand the basic concepts of contract law and what makes a legally binding contract? Do you know what to look for when reviewing contracts prepared

formance of the contract. The four most common business contracts are: **general business** (advertising, settlements, partnerships, etc.), **sales related** (purchase orders, warranties, etc.), **employment** (consulting, confidentiality, etc.), and **leases** (equipment and real property).

Because there are many laws that govern contracts, Greendeer stressed that it is important to be clear on what will happen if a contract is disputed. What laws apply? Are they favorable? To answer these questions, we must consider the type of contract, its subject matter, the applicable jurisdiction (tribal, state, federal), and the agreement between the parties. When contracting in Wisconsin and in Indian country, special ju-

risdictions exist. On a tribal level, this may mean that a small business must register itself with a tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) or Indian Preference office to be considered favorably for future work on tribal projects. Tribes have adopted TEROs across the country with varied results. Unfortunately in Wisconsin, Indian preference is not available on a state level, or a federal level, even where the state administers the federally-funded contract.

Because of the mixed performance of Indian preference, many ask if it even exists. If so, is it dying?

On the federal contracting level, Indian preference can be carried out by state agencies and their sub-recipients and contractors to by awarding contracts to Indian-owned businesses on projects on and near Indian reservations. Several federal agencies such as the BIA, HUD and IHS have recognized that Indian preference policies are constitutional and have applied them to federal aid programs and contracts, many of which are administered by state agencies. Greendeer stated that one big ticket agency ripe for applying Indian preference in federal contracting in Wisconsin is the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Greendeer stated tribes in Wisconsin bring in millions of dollars of federal funds for road construction and maintenance each year.

The hurdle in applying Indian preference where tribally-owned businesses get contracts on or near Indian reservations in Wisconsin is convincing the state to apply it.

After hours of searching, Greendeer could not find a single contract where Wisconsin publicly noticed that it would administer Indian Preference. “It is up to Tribal leaders to get out there and say something - that's why they're leaders,” she said. “Get ahead of the game and do your homework. Find out



(L-R) Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator Robert TwoBears, Attorney Samantha Greendeer, and Leland Fulwider, First Nations Community Financial HHCA from the Department of Business.

what is going on with your tribe, especially through TERO.”

Tribes can approach government offices about applying Indian Preference where it is appropriate. Greendeer stressed to all small business owners and leaders, “You know how to politic and have the trust from your constituents, family and friends. Push the issue.” Tribes and businesses can work proactively with the state on applying Indian preference. This may result in backlash from existing service providers from this industry.

One question asked was, “How many native road builders are there in Wisconsin?” Currently there are 65 certified native builders/contractors with two of them being tribal enterprises. Just to name a few areas of spe-

cialty: concrete paving, asphalt paving, trucking, landscaping, to underground utility work.

Another question asked, “What can tribal leaders do with non-tribal prime contractors on tribal project work?” In order to be hired through TERO, generally tribes must publish a notice that Indian preference would be applied. Tribes can work with the prime contractor's sub-contractors to ensure they are considered. Some tribes do not wish to publicly announce their projects and tend to stick with contractors used in the past or by word of mouth.

In closing, remember that time is money. How will your resolution choices affect future business? “Get ahead of the game and do your homework.”



Overview of Small Business Contracting in Wisconsin led by Samantha Greendeer.

by the other party?” These are just a few key points Greendeer mentioned in her presentation and how to be prepared.

Some of the realities with small businesses Greendeer emphasized are: small businesses must contract on numerous levels to conduct profitable business, contracts are diverse with various parties for different values subject to certain jurisdictions, some contracts do not work out, and one bad contract can devastate your business.

Once an agreement has been reached, both parties have an obligation to make reasonable efforts to fulfill their respective obligations, and to avoid taking actions that would hinder the per-

formance of the contract. Greendeer mentioned in her presentation and how to be prepared. Some of the realities with small businesses Greendeer emphasized are: small businesses must contract on numerous levels to conduct profitable business, contracts are diverse with various parties for different values subject to certain jurisdictions, some contracts do not work out, and one bad contract can devastate your business.

Another way to help Indian-owned small businesses stay or become profitable is to participate in Indian hiring preference opportunities on tribal, state and federal levels. Generally, Indian preference means that Indian-owned businesses are given prefer-

HCN INDIAN CORN

DNR HAS PLANTED CORN FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS TO TEND, MONITOR, AND HARVEST.

All fields will be clearly marked with a sign and flagging tape.

CORN LOCATIONS

-Melrose ("Parmenter Property") ~1 acre
Located Northwest of Melrose on County Road D, 5.25 miles West of State Highway 54. Field is south of the road.

-Baraboo ("Parcel 6") ~4 acres
Across US Highway 12 from Ho-Chunk C-Store, turn West onto "Co-op Lane" turn right into the first driveway. Drive East around the building and continue North for about another 300 feet.

-Wyeville ("Shaw Property") ~5 acres
At the intersection of State Highways 21 & 173, turn South onto County Highway N for 1.25 miles. Turn East onto Evergreen Ave for about 0.5 miles. Corn will be on the North side.

Check our Website!

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Heritage Preservation/DNR

We distributed over 100 packets of Indian Corn for personal use to Tribal Members!
Wishing you a successful growing season!
Questions? Contact HCN DNR @ 715-284-2852

2008 flood recovery program

repairing homes, restoring hope.

The storms have subsided, but not the devastation.
Help is here for Southern Wisconsin.

The federal government has recently awarded funds to Wisconsin to help meet the needs of people affected by the terrible floods and storms that occurred during the summer of 2008 in a 30-county area. These funds will help homeowners repair their homes and provide other resources to help them on their road to recovery.

These funds are restricted by the federal government for use only in disaster areas declared in 2008.

Call today to find out if you are eligible to receive assistance: (877) 947-2211 or dial 2-1-1

Our case managers will discuss your eligibility to receive assistance. Don't delay — act today. The program ends September 30, 2010.

www.2008floodrecovery.org

Keeping you posted at "2008 Flood Recovery Program" Facebook

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MAY 4, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Vice President Daniel Brown-P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-Ex.
Rep. Clarence Pettibone-P
Rep. Roberta Decorah-P
Rep. James Greendeer-Ex.
Rep. John Holst-10:18
Rep. Hope Smith-Ex.
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.-P
Rep. Greg Littlejohn-Ex.
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-Ex.

**DETERMINATION OF
QUORUM:**

Quorum was established at this time.

OPENING PRAYER:

Rep. Roberta Decorah offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Decorah. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Holst arrived at 10:18 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Legislative Meeting-April 20, 2010

MOTION by V. P. Brown to approve the Legislative Meeting minutes of April 20, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Holst. 4-0-4 (Rep. Blackdeer, Pettibone, Decorah, Walker) **Motion Carried.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:
Development Committee Meeting-April 22, 2010**

MOTION by V.P. Brown to approve the Development Committee Meeting minutes of April 22, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-1 (Rep. Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

Finance Committee Meeting-April 21, 2010:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes of April 21, 2010 as presented. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-1 (Rep. Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-April 26, 2010:

MOTION by Rep. Holst to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of April 26, 2010 with corrections. Second by V.P. Brown. 4-1 (Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit)-3 (Rep. Blackdeer, Decorah, V.P. Brown) **Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-April 27, 2010:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of April 27, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-April 28, 2010:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of April 28, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Holst. 5-0-3 (Rep. Blackdeer, Walker, V.P. Brown) **Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-April 29, 2010:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of April 29, 2010 as presented. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-1 (Rep. Decorah)-0 **Motion Carried.**

Furlough Concern:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the Fiscal Year 10-11 Furlough Concern to the Administration Committee and Special Finance Committee

for further discussion and possible budget adjustments. Second by Rep. Decorah. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Administration Committee Meeting-May 3, 2010:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Administration Committee Meeting minutes of May 3, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Holst. 6-0-2 (Rep. Blackdeer, Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

Agenda Amendment:

MOTION by Rep. Blackdeer to amend the agenda to hear a District 2 Concern. Second by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 3 Concern:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table the District 3/Gerald and Iris Cleveland COBRA premium cost concern for further review and discussion. Second by V. P. Brown. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wosga Leave Policy Update: The Legislative Counsel's Office is still awaiting information and input from certain tribal elders concerning the leave policy. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Granting Consent As Interest Holder to the James Wilson Allotment 441-200 for a BIA Residential Lease for Roger R. Youngthunder/Resolution:

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to adopt resolution 5-04-10 A **Granting Consent As Interest Holder to the James Wilson Allotment 441-200 for a BIA Residential Lease for Roger R. Youngthunder.** Second by Rep. Blackdeer. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Department Wide Tribal Consultation Policy Nominations Request:

MOTION by Rep. Red Eagle to nominate Rep. Robert Two Bears and Legislative Counsel Mike Murphy and any other interested Legislator to the Tribal Consultation Policy. Second by V.P. Brown. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

HHCDA's Annual Performance Report to HUD:

MOTION by Rep. Blackdeer to approve the HHCDA's Annual Performance Report to HUD. Second by Rep. Holst. 6-1 (Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit)-1 (Rep. Pettibone) **Motion Carried.**

Vandalism Concern on Ho-Chunk Nation Properties:

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to refer the Vandalism Concern on Ho-Chunk Nation Properties to the Administration Committee for the development of a Vandalism Code. Second by Rep. Blackdeer. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Insurance Blood Testing Concern:

MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the Health Plan Concerns to the Department of Personnel/Insurance and the Department of Health for further review and input. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Recess for Lunch: MOTION by V.P. Brown to recess the meeting for lunch. Second by Rep. Pettibone. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

The meeting recesses at 12:29 p.m.

Call Back to Order:

President Cleveland called the meeting back to order at 1:50 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Vice President Daniel Brown-P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-Ex.
Rep. Clarence Pettibone-P
Rep. Roberta Decorah-P
Rep. James Greendeer-Ex.
Rep. John Holst-P
Rep. Hope Smith-Ex.
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.-P
Rep. Greg Littlejohn-Ex.
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit-2:14
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle-P
Rep. Robert Two Bears-Ex.

**DETERMINATION OF
QUORUM:**

Quorum was established at this time

Rescission of Both Resolution 12-22-09 D and Resolution 3-23-10 D and Further Study of Wellness Initiative Resolution: **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to adopt resolution 5-04-10 B **Rescission of Both Resolution 12-22-09 D and Resolution 3-23-10 D and Further Study of Wellness Initiative.** Second by Rep. Decorah. 5-2 (Rep. Pettibone, Red Eagle)-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit arrived at 2:14 p.m.

Amendment to the Confirmation of Executive Directors Act/Resolution:

MOTION by Rep. Holst to adopt resolution 5-04-10 C **Amendment to the Confirmation of Executive Directors Act.** Second by Rep. Walker. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District Concerns:

District 1: MOTION by Rep. Blackdeer to approve a grant in the amount of \$7,991.86 for the support of the Jackson County-Ho-Chunk Youth Baseball/Softball teams. The funds are to be allocated from the Youth Assistance line item in the General Fund. Second by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 6-1 (V.P. Brown)-1 (Rep. Walker) **Motion Carried.**

District 2: No requests were submitted.

District 3: No requests were submitted.

District 4: No requests were submitted.

District 5: No requests were submitted.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Decorah. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *The meeting goes into executive session at 3:03 p.m.*

Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit is excused at 4:45 p.m.

Open Session:

MOTION by V.P. Brown to return to open session. Second by Rep. Walker. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *The meeting returns to open session at 4:49 p.m.*

Executive Session Ratification:

MOTION by Rep. Walker to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Walker to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is to be held at the Executive Office in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by V.P. Brown. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *The meeting adjourns at 4:40 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING~
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MAY 18, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Daniel Brown called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-10:13
Vice President Daniel Brown-P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-Ex.
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P
Rep. Clarence Pettibone-P
Rep. Roberta Decorah-P
Rep. James Greendeer-P
Rep. John Holst-P
Rep. Hope Smith-10:30
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.-10:17
Rep. Greg Littlejohn-P
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

**DETERMINATION OF
QUORUM:**

Quorum was established at this time.

OPENING PRAYER:

Rep. John Holst offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Holst to approve the agenda with the addition of item 6. Support of Johnson O'Malley Resolution and item 7. U. S. Department of Interior-BIA-FY 2010-2011 Forestry Program for Hazard Projects Reduction and Wildland Urban Interface Projects for Executive Office Region Resolution under New Business and to go into Executive Session after the reading of the minutes. Second by Rep. Decorah. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Walker arrived at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Legislative Meeting-May 4, 2010

MOTION by V.P. Brown to approve the Legislative Meeting minutes of May 4, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Holst. 9-0-2 (Rep. Littlejohn, Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Smith arrived at 10:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Special Finance Committee Meeting-May 5, 2010:

MOTION by V.P. Brown to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of May 5, 2010 as presented. Second by Rep. Decorah. 6-0-6 (Rep. Greengrass, Greendeer, Littlejohn, LoneTree-Whiterabbit, Smith, TwoBears) **Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-May 6, 2010:

MOTION by VP. Brown to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of May 6, 2010 as presented. Second by Rep. Holst. 9-0-3 (Rep. Greengrass, Smith, Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-May 12, 2010:

MOTION by Rep. Littlejohn to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of May 12, 2010 as presented. Second by Rep. Two Bears. 9-1 (V.P. Brown)-2 (Rep. Decorah, Walker) **Motion Carried.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Greendeer to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 12-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *The meeting goes into executive session at 10:36 a.m.*

Rep. Walker is excused from the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Rep. Smith is excused from the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit is excused from the meeting at 2:56 p.m./Returns at 3:40 p.m.

Rep. Decorah is excused from the meeting at 5:00p.m.

Rep. Littlejohn is excused from the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Holst to return to open session. Second by Rep. Greendeer. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *The meeting returns to open session at 5:20 p.m.*

Executive Session Ratification:

MOTION by Rep. Holst to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Red Eagle. 8-0-1 (Rep. Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wosga Leave Policy Update: **MOTION by Rep. Greengrass** to table the Wosga Leave Policy Update for the presentation of the requested information. Second by V.P. Brown. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

HCN Department of Social Services Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program Resolution:

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to adopt resolution 5-18-10 A **HCN Department of Social Services Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program.** Second by Rep. Two Bears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Elder Payment of Medical Bills:

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve a grant in the amount of \$940.00 to assist a tribal elder with medical bills. The funds are to be allocated from the Elder Assistance line item in the General Fund. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 3-1 (Rep. Holst)-4 (Rep. Littlejohn, Pettibone, Red Eagle, Two Bears) **Motion Carried.** *V.P. Brown was out of the room.*

Elite Elder Dental Request:

MOTION by Rep. Two Bears to approve a grant in the amount of \$7,934.00 to assist an elite elder with the cost for dental implants. The funds are to be allocated from the Elder Assistance line item in the General Fund. Second by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District Concerns:

District 1: MOTION by Rep. Pettibone that District 1 tribal members receive full disclosure regarding the CitiBank per the District 1 Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Greengrass. 8-0-1 (Rep. Littlejohn) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone that no Legislators gamble our sovereignty into any contract per the District 1 Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Greengrass. 7-0-2 (Rep. Greendeer, V.P. Brown) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to refer the District 1 Meeting motion that the degrading practice of having to sing "Happy Birthday" will cease immediately with appropriate letters of apology (1) affect interviewees (2) reprimands, suspension and penalties, received upon the interview panel numbers through the Personnel Department Human Resources of the Casino to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Greengrass. 8-0-1 (Rep. Holst) **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Littlejohn is excused at 5:35 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to stop capital projects for six months until we improve the businesses that we have per the District 1 Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Greengrass. 4-0-4 (Rep. Holst, Red Eagle, Two Bears, V.P. Brown) **Motion Carried.**

District 2: MOTION by Rep. Greendeer to reaffirm Gladys Morgan as the Ethics Review Board Member per the District 2/Tomah Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greendeer to reaffirm Andy Thundercloud to the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Board per the District 2/Tomah Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

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the District 2/La Crosse Meeting motion to request justification from Personnel why tribal members are long term contract employees as opposed to regular employees to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Greendeer. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Holst to refer the District 2/La Crosse Meeting motion to have the Legislature disclose the number of contract employees and how much they have been paid total to be reported at the next area meeting to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Brown. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Holst to refer the District 2/Tomah Meeting motion that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature desist from entering into any contract above \$1,000,000.00 in order to not endanger tribal sovereignty and reassess the Nation's financial condition and place funds into a capital development account so that we do not have to borrow funds and enable the Nation to pay cash for capital investments to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Greendeer. 5-1(V.P. Brown)-2(Rep. Red Eagle, TwoBears) **Motion Carried.** Rep. Holst read for the record the District 2/La Crosse Meeting motion that Wilfrid Cleveland resign. **MOTION by Rep. Holst** to refer the District 2/La Crosse Meeting motion to have the Department of Business look into organic agriculture to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Brown. 5-2(Rep. Greengrass, Pettibone)-1(Rep. TwoBears) **Motion Carried.**

District 2: MOTION by Rep. Holst to refer the District 2/La Crosse Meeting motion to eliminate the practice of hiring contract employees whose hiring bypasses background checks by the Compliance Department and the regular advertising and hiring routes of the interview in accordance with the Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Personnel Department and the tutorial services line item be restored and appropriate employee remedies such as layoff or reduced work weeks be instituted by the Executive Director of Education to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Brown. 5-0-3(Rep. Greengrass, Red Eagle, TwoBears) **Motion Carried.** V.P. Brown read for the record the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to support Pat Day's baseball initiative.

MOTION by V.P. Brown to have a representative from Fifth Third in attendance at the June 16, 2010 Madison Area Meeting to discuss Minor Children's Trust Accounts per the District 2/Madison Meeting motion. Second by Rep. Greendeer. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

District 3: MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to have the Legislators investigate and research the article that Governor Doyle signed, Mutual Aide Bill, regarding out Tribal Sovereignty & Immunity and bring back the information to the area per the District 3/Wittenberg Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. TwoBears. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to refer the District 3/Wittenberg Meeting motion that the Wittenberg C-Store remove all commercial material that denigrate our President of the United States to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Brown. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

V.P. Brown read for the record the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids Meeting motion to support the Green Bay/Wittenberg Districts and not implement the Tax Code for one year. V.P. Brown read for the record

the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids Meeting motion to request the Legislative Meeting minutes be brought to the District Meeting starting next month.

MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids Meeting motion to approve an air conditioner purchase from Rapids Sheet Metal for tribal elder Lenore Smith, due to health concerns to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Greendeer. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

District 3: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids Meeting motion that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature desist from entering into any contracts that are above 1 million dollars, until they are addressed at the District Meeting to the Finance Committee Meeting. Second by Rep. Two Bears. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

V.P. Brown read for the record the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids Meeting motion to request President Wilfrid Cleveland to resign due to the allegations presented. V.P. Brown read for the record the District 3/Indian Heights Meeting motion to support Carson Funmaker to enforce zero tolerance at the Indian Heights.

MOTION by V.P. Brown to form a committee to work on the Mutual Understanding with the School District of Wisconsin Dells per the District 3/Indian Heights Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. TwoBears. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

V.P. Brown read for the record the District 4 Meeting motion to request the Legislature to call for a Special General Council.

MOTION by V.P. Brown to disclose all past and former executive session minutes and information to all District Meetings effective immediately. Second by Rep. Holst. 3-4(Rep. Greendeer, Pettibone, Red Eagle, TwoBears)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

District 4: V.P. Brown read for the record the District 4 Meeting motion to remove and/or recall President Cleveland and Legislators who are misusing the Children's Trust Fund and Per Capita; and to remove Daniel Brown.

MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 4 Meeting motion to end funeral leave for Ho-Chunk Nation Employees to the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Pettibone. 3-4(Rep. Greendeer, Greengrass, Red Eagle, TwoBears)-1(Rep. Pettibone) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

MOTION by V.P. Brown to end Waksik Wosga Leave per the District 4 Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Holst. 2-6(Rep. Greengrass Greendeer, LoneTree-Whiterabbit, Pettibone, Red Eagle, TwoBears)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 4 Meeting motion that Legislatures Eliminate Executive Session and enacts to open meeting rule except when issues pertaining to Personnel to the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-1(Rep. TwoBears)-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 4: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 4 Meeting motion that Pat Schulz does not get laid off to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Holst.

8-0-0. **Motion Carried.** **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to nominate John Contreras for Election Board delegate per the District 4 Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by V.P. Brown to nominate Jeanine Heffner as Election Board alternate per the District 4 Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

ried.

MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 4 Meeting motion to increase the fuel line in Milwaukee Branch Office budget for upcoming HCN fiscal year to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 4 Meeting motion to request President Willie Cleveland to give a directive to Enrollment to attend Resource Day in Milwaukee on July 21, 2010 for enrollment id's to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 4 Meeting motion to purchase a cigarette tower for the back smoking area to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Holst. 6-2(Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit, TwoBears)-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 5: Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit read for the record the

District 5/MPLS-St. Paul Meeting motion to have the Legislators investigate and report back on why it is taking so long to accomplish the separation of Business and Government.

Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit read for the record the District 5/MPLS-St. Paul Meeting motion to have HHCD and District 5 Legislators investigate various means and locations for a permanent District 5 Tribal Office.

MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to have Deb Badboy plan a picnic for the July 15, 2010 Meeting at Cherokee Park and to invite President Cleveland. Second by Rep. TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Support of Johnson O'Malley Resolution: MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt **resolution 5-18-10 B Support of Johnson O'Malley.** Second by Rep. Pettibone. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** **U.S. Department of Interior-**

BIA-FY 2010-2011 Forestry Program for Hazard Fuel Reduction and Wildland Urban Interface Projects for Executive Office Region Resolution: MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to adopt **resolution 5-18-10 C U.S. Department of Interior-BIA-FY 2010-2011 Forestry Program for Hazard Fuel Reduction and Wildland Urban Interface Projects for Executive Office Region.** Second by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Adjournment: MOTION by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, June 8, 2010. The meeting is to be held at the Executive Office in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Greendeer. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** **The meeting adjourns at 6:06 p.m.** Respectfully Submitted, Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Nekoosa Cash Advance, LLC, Petitioner, v. Dawn M. Smith, Respondent.
Case : CG 10-51

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Dawn M. Smith

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Lewis A. Frogg, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-21

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Lewis A. Frogg

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Ted L. Brown, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-20

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Ted L. Brown

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The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership.

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| APPLICANT NAME | DATE OF BIRTH | BLOOD QUANTUM | ANCESTOR | FATHER | MOTHER |
|---|---------------|---------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BAKER, Antonio Tomas Sioux | 09/09/1995 | 1/4 | Charles Rogue, Sr. N – 1910 - #00688 | NON – MEMBER | Denise Joanne Lerma |
| BAKER, Miguel Jeffery Jordan | 01/15/1999 | 1/4 | Charles Rogue, Sr. N – 1910 - #00688 | NON – MEMBER | Denise Joanne Lerma |
| BARTON, Lillie Katherine | 00/00/0000 | 1/4 | CONFIDENTIAL | CONFIDENTIAL | CONFIDENTIAL |
| BLACKDEER-YOUNG, Nicolaus Floyd | 11/17/2009 | 1/4 | Chau Zap Kah | ----- | Jenny Lynn Blackdeer |
| BLACKHAWK-LINK, Arrayah Jeanae Yvette | 12/27/2007 | 79/128 | Black Deer 1881 - #00174 | Mitchell Norman Link | Mariah Leigh Blackhawk |
| BRANDON-CLOUD, Olivia Lyric | 12/04/2009 | 75/128 | Nee Zha Me Nunk Kah | Owen George Cloud, Jr. | Salina Lynn Brandon |
| BREITSPRECHER, Riley Wayne | 10/16/2009 | 1/4 | Peter Rockman 1901 - #01112 | ----- | Sara Ann Shaw |
| CAVANAUGH, Dakota Miles | 04/22/2008 | 1/4 | Son Nik O He Way Kah | ----- | Corey Marie Smith |
| CAVANAUGH, Reginald John Jr | 05/12/2007 | 1/4 | George Cloud 1901 - #00149 | ----- | Corey Marie Smith |
| CLEVELAND, Wallace Mitchell Jr | 08/06/2009 | 39/128 | He Lo Wa Kix He La Kaw | Wallace Mitchell Cleveland | ----- |
| CLOUD, Eliza Myra Jo | 12/16/2009 | 4/4 | James Fishtail Lincoln N – 1910 - #00284 | Edward Wilbur Cloud | Heather Alison Grace Green |
| CONN, GERALYN Jo | 04/01/2004 | 1/4 | Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah | NON – MEMBER | Christie Jo Ryan |
| CONN, Nevada Jordismae | 12/16/2005 | 1/4 | Paul Spear Smith 1901 - #00581 | NON – MEMBER | Christie Jo Ryan |
| COSME, Ana Marina | 01/31/2006 | 1/4 | Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah | ----- | Corey Marie Smith |
| COSME, Jesus Earl | 06/10/2004 | 1/4 | Paul Spear Smith 1901 - #00581 | ----- | Corey Marie Smith |
| DEGLER, Jason Robert | 05/03/1987 | 1/4 | Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah | Robert Ray Degler | ----- |
| DEGLER, Natalie Marie | 12/19/1985 | 1/4 | Paul Spear Smith 1901 - #00581 | Robert Ray Degler | ----- |
| DOUGLAS, Hozho Derion-Nelson | 06/15/2000 | 1/4 | Hoonek Che Kah | NON – MEMBER | Marsha Harriet Funmaker |
| DOUGLAS, Page | 06/06/2001 | 1/4 | Tom B. Thunder 1901 - #00284 | NON – MEMBER | Marsha Harriet Funmaker |
| DOWNEY, Ammona Elarene | 09/23/2000 | 1/4 | Wojih Tchaw He Ray Kah | Augustus Gaius Downey | ----- |
| DOWNEY, Augustus Gaius Jr. | 10/16/2003 | 1/4 | George Funmaker, Sr 1881 - #00328 | Augustus Gaius Downey | ----- |
| DOWNEY, Taheton Charles | 06/13/2005 | 1/4 | Wojih Tchaw He Ray Kah | Augustus Gaius Downey | ----- |
| FARIAS-ORNELLAS, Naomi Leialoha Okalani | 07/06/2008 | 1/4 | George Funmaker, Sr 1881 - #00328 | Daniel Lee Ornellas | ----- |
| FEE, Charles William Jr | 05/31/1994 | 1/4 | Ma He No Gin Kah | Charles William Fee, Sr | ----- |
| FEE, Krystal Violet | 04/16/1992 | 1/4 | Fred Kingswan 1901 - #00975 | Charles William Fee, Sr | ----- |
| GILL, Vanessa Jaymes | 08/26/2009 | 5/16 | Ma He No Gin Kah | Sylvia Ann Green | ----- |
| GOODBEAR, Koda | 10/18/2005 | 1/4 | Fred Kingswan 1901 - #00975 | Kelly Jean Goodbear | ----- |
| GREANEY, Patricia Anne | 00/00/0000 | 1/4 | Ma He No Gin Kah | CONFIDENTIAL | CONFIDENTIAL |
| HALL, Gianna Crea | 09/15/2005 | 5/8 | Do Sha Na Ska Kah | NON – MEMBER | Eleanor Suzette Decorah |
| HALL, Gineva Josephine | 06/18/2007 | 5/8 | Ray Goodbear 1901 - #00083 | NON – MEMBER | Eleanor Suzette Decorah |
| HARBAUGH, Micaela Rae | 07/07/1995 | 1/4 | CONFIDENTIAL | ----- | Sonja Rae Fields |
| HAWPETOSS, Peter Jason Jr. | 05/24/2005 | 1/4 | Hunk Kah | NON – MEMBER | Patricia Ann Greengrass |
| HERNANDEZ, Austin Rey Darryl | 02/20/2005 | 1/4 | William Hall 1881 - #00463 | Anthony Rey Hernandez | ----- |
| HOUGHTON, Annalisa Jean | 02/16/2008 | 69/128 | Maui He Saw Wa Gi Shish Ga | Patrick Lee Houghton | Dana Lynn Pettibone |
| LEMIEUX, Gabriella June | 07/11/2009 | 5/16 | Brown Decorra 1901 - #00398 | NON – MEMBER | Shyenne Autumn Buffalo |
| LITTLE WALKER, Angelina Valencia | 11/27/2006 | 207/256 | Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah | NON – MEMBER | Ball |
| MANN, Logan Jo | 04/16/2008 | 1/2 | Charlie Greengrass 1881 - #00286 | NON – MEMBER | NON – MEMBER |
| MARR, Ma-kere-ga | 12/08/2009 | 37/128 | Ma Zhee Wee Kah | Matthew John Mann | ----- |
| MILLER, Nathan Louis | 07/29/1992 | 1/2 | Thunder Cloud 1881 - #00149 | NON – MEMBER | NON – MEMBER |
| MITCHELL, Hendrix Delila | 11/07/2007 | 1/4 | Homp Pe Ska Kah | NON – MEMBER | NON – MEMBER |
| PEMBERTON, Aiyana Nora | 03/18/2009 | 3/4 | Taylor (Holton) Houghton N – 1910 - #00323 | Simon Aric Mitchell | ----- |
| PETTIBONE, Peyton Alexander | 06/03/2006 | 3/4 | Ha Ro Con Ne Kah | Clayton Kirk Pemberton | Myra Jo Decorah |
| PERNETTON, Charisse Rose | 04/18/1990 | 1/4 | Ed Wilson 1901 - #00042 | Kric Victor Pettibone | Tracy Randell Beversdorf |
| PERNETTON, Deanna Marie | 06/04/1992 | 1/4 | Chae Rop Na Zu Gee Ka Wa La Kaw | ----- | NON – MEMBER |
| PERNETTON, Justine Ranell | 09/07/2001 | 1/4 | Fred Little Walker N – 1910 - #00203 | ----- | NON – MEMBER |
| POWLESS, Bryan Douglas II | 11/06/2008 | 3/4 | Na He Kah | ----- | NON – MEMBER |
| REDCLOUD, Rhiannon May-Rie | 03/02/2009 | 5/8 | John Man II 1901 - #00022 | Bryan Douglas Powless | Clariss Jo Funmaker |
| RIDDLE, Alexis Rain | 10/21/2009 | 1/4 | Ma Shoo Cho Kah | Randall Michael Redcloud | Regina Erin Funmaker |
| ROY, Jared Brandon | 08/03/1994 | 1/4 | David Hill N – 1910 - #00053 | Dakota Lee Roberts | ----- |
| SALLAWAY, Jayce Gage | 08/29/1993 | 1/4 | Chau Wak Ja Xi Kah | Paul Funmaker Sallaway | ----- |
| SMITH, Allyson Rose | 06/20/1998 | 1/2 | Will Greendeer 1901 - #00080 | Paul Funmaker Sallaway | ----- |
| SMITH, Brittany Mae | 07/03/1996 | 1/2 | Ah Nunch E Ka La Kaw | Paul Joseph Smith | ----- |
| SNAKE, Mimike Wasi | 10/21/2009 | 4/4 | Joseph Twinn #515 N – 1910 - #00640 | Paul Joseph Smith | ----- |
| STEWART, Emma Ann Maxine | 04/23/2009 | 1/4 | Hoonek Mon E Kah | Jesse Raymond Snake | Tena Marie Funmaker |
| STOUT, Olivia Isabella | 10/06/2009 | 3/8 | Ed W Decorra 1901 - #00254 | Lucas George Stewart | ----- |
| TECH, Kendal Mae | 01/01/2010 | 1/4 | Monk Shootch Kah | Lisa Marie Goodbear | ----- |
| TOURTILOTT, Robert Anthony | 04/18/1999 | 5/16 | Peter Pettibone 1881 - #00582 | William Leslie Tech | ----- |
| VEGA, Ernesto Manuel | 12/02/1995 | 1/4 | Wa Con Cha Cho Kah | NON – MEMBER | Jaime Renee Kaquatosh |
| WAUQUA, Deidre Shaunese | 09/30/1998 | 1/4 | George Green Thundercloud 1901 - #00459 | ----- | Karen Renee Wauqua |
| WAUQUA-THOMAS, Traci Kristiana | 02/15/2004 | 1/4 | George Green Thundercloud 1901 - #00459 | ----- | Karen Renee Wauqua |
| WHITEWING, Theodore Anthony | 02/09/2000 | 1/4 | Wa Con Cha Cho Kah | Theodore Whitewing | ----- |
| WOODS, Chelsey Lynn | 06/05/1990 | 1/4 | George Green Thundercloud 1901 - #00459 | ----- | Sheila Marie Crowder |

Nation's donation benefits the American Red Cross

Shelter trailer and contents to serve south central Wisconsin

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

At a ribbon cutting ceremony held outside Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells on June 21, representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the American Red Cross celebrated the Nation's donation of a disaster shelter trailer and contents to the Badger Chapter of the Red Cross.

American Red Cross-Badger Chapter Community Rela-



CEO of the American Red Cross Badger Chapter, Tom Mooney explained the Red Cross is often the "first to respond" when a natural disaster strikes.

tions Manager, Rachel Reichhoff explained that following the 2008 floods that devastated the area, the Red Cross realized they needed a mobile unit to assist those needing help and contacted area businesses for donations. "The two nearest disaster shelter trailers were in Madison and Prairie du Chien, both at least an hour away," she said.

When contacted, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells decided to fund the entire project. Using revenues from its annual New Year's Eve event, the Nation donated \$6,130. Reichhoff said that the trailer is stocked with cots, blankets, cleanup kits, health service kits, tables and chairs. Similar to a M*A*S*H unit, she said that most times the trailer will be the first respondent when a natural disaster strikes in Adams, Columbia, Sauk or Juneau Counties. The trailer is capable of serving about 60 people when a disaster strikes and with the tornado season about to reach its peak, she added that it is an especially timely gift.

Elliott Funmaker, Sr., Master of Ceremonies for the event, stated that in addition to the trailer donation, the Na-



American Red Cross CEO, Tom Mooney joins Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations personnel Anne Thundercloud and Missy Tracy and Ho-Chunk elder Morgan WhiteEagle at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

tion has agreed to serve as a Disaster Partner with the Red Cross. Along with making an annual contribution of \$2,500, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells has agreed to annually donate five rooms for five nights in the event of a disaster. It also has agreed to be a Disaster Headquarters that will allow responders to utilize the facility as a central command center in a time of need. The total commitment to the Red Cross exceeds \$12,000.

Funmaker added the partnership with the Red Cross is part of the Nation's effort and obligation to be a good neighbor in communities where they have enterprises and offices. "Part of that obligation means striving to be active and valued members of the communities. We are grateful to be able to respond to so many needs."

Accepting the donation, Tom Mooney, CEO American Red Cross Badger Chapter,

stated that the disaster trailer will be permanently stationed at the Baraboo Chamber of Commerce Building. Grateful for the donation that will allow the Red Cross to potentially serve 160,000 people in south central Wisconsin, Mooney concluded that "I

hope the trailer never leaves the parking lot."

Following the ribbon cutting, a reception was held in the Lower Dells Ballroom.

Songs were provided by the Winnebago Sons Drum. The prayer was offered by Morgan and Joseph WhiteEagle.



The Nation's donation to the American Red Cross will benefit the people of south central Wisconsin.



The American Red Cross has long been associated with helping people in need.

American Idol Season 8 Finalist Danny Gokey performs to a sold out crowd

Submitted by Missy Tracy,
Senior Manager Public
Relations - Wisconsin
Dells

Danny Gokey, a favorite of millions of fans nationwide as a finalist on Season Eight of American Idol, and a Milwaukee native, Nashville recording artist played to a sold out crowd at the Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells Entertainment Center on Thursday, May 27, 2010. Gokey recently just released his debut

album, My Best Days.

Prior to the concert, Gokey met with a select group of Ho-Chunk's Reward Club VIP members for a special "Meet and Greet". Jones Funmaker, Sr., Executive Manager presented Gokey with a Pendleton featuring the Ho-Chunk Gaming logo in appreciation for being an honored guest at our property. Gokey expressed his gratitude for being bestowed with the Pendleton blanket.



Jones Funmaker, Sr., Executive Manager presented Gokey with a Pendleton

**Tomah Area Golf Outing
(HAGA Tour)**

Saturday, July 10, 2010

Hiawatha Golf Club - Tomah, WI

Entry Fee: HAGA Members \$50
Non-members \$55

Includes: Green fees, cart, skins, Flag Events, and Lunch

Format: 4 person scramble, Luck of the draw

Registration: 7 am - 8 am

Shotgun Start: 8:30 am

For any Questions please contact:
Quentin Thundercloud (608) 372-9558
(cell) 608-343-5561

Hiawatha Golf Club, 10229 Ellsworth Road
608-372-5589



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Come have a blast with family & friends!

It's time for the 11th Annual Canoe Trip!

**Friday, July 16th, 2010
Wildcat Mountain State Park – Lower Park
Highway 33, Ontario, WI**

The Fitness Initiative Committee of the Ho-Chunk Division of Health invites you to join us for another great canoe outing. We will be canoeing in a section of the beautiful Kickapoo River. We invite those who participated last year as well as newcomers to this wonderful event. This will be about a 3 hour trip.

You must pre-register for this event. A \$10.00 deposit per canoe must be sent with your registration to Chris Frederick by July 2nd 2010. This will be returned to you AT THE EVENT.

This event is sponsored by the Special Diabetes Grant for Indians and the Lifestyle Balance Grant

Registration slip with deposit must be received by July 2, 2010 and sent to Chris Frederick at the House of Wellness, S2845 WhiteEagle Road, Baraboo, WI. Once the deposit is received you will be sent a letter of confirmation, a map and further details for this event. Any questions, please call Chris @ 608 355-1240 or 888-560-4616, ext 5611.



Canoe Registration

Name _____ # in group _____ # of canoes _____

Address _____

Ages _____ Phone # _____

\$10.00 Deposit: _____ (checks payable to Chris Frederick)



11TH ANNUAL

BROWN FAMILY REUNION

**Saturday and Sunday, August 14th and 15th, 2010
Blackhawk Park, Desoto, Wisconsin**

Blackhawk Park is located about four miles North of Desoto, Wisconsin on Highway 35 going towards La Crosse on your left or about twenty-four miles South of La Crosse on Highway 35 going towards Desoto on your right.

For more information contact: Mike Goze: 1-612-709-5634 • Phyllis Tutor: 1-715-682-8192

When you read this notice, please notify anyone else who doesn't know about the reunion.
Hope to see all that can make it.



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEMBER'S POSITION

Role: The Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director.

Duties: The Board member's shall:

- a) The Board shall not be a policy making body.
- b) The Board shall be involved in the Department's strategic business planning.
- c) The Board shall be consulted during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act.

Terms: Directors shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The terms shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or reappointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter and three (3) Directors are appointed/reappointed in the alternate years.

Composition: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of five (5) members.

Board Qualifications:

1. The Board members that are nominated and appointed need to assure that they have experience and are qualified to take on such a position. This includes enforceability of standards and use of specific criteria. The use of specific criteria for evaluating applicants are as follows:
2. 7 years of business experience in management, ownership, or related responsibility.
3. Have an understanding of business finance, accounting, or related field, familiar with balance sheets, income statements, and proformas.
4. Have experience in Ho-Chunk Nation Business Board and/or business entities in service area of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
5. Accept fiduciary responsibilities of business Board and executing a non-disclosure agreement.
6. 5 years experience in serving on a board of directors for a non-profit entity.
7. Have an education in or relating to business planning, development, finance, legal, marketing, or management.
8. Not a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature or employee of any of the Ho-Chunk Nation Businesses.

If interested in serving on the Department of Business Board of Directors please submit a resume to Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business, W8914 Airport Rd, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615, Ph: 715-284-9186. Fax: 715-284-1636

Attention Chicago Area Nation Members!

There's still time to sign up your youth ages 6-18 for the Positive Paths summer program at the American Indian Center at 1630 W. Wilson Ave. in Chicago. We will be doing arts, Native science, structured outdoor activities, field trips, swimming, and much more! Lunch will be served and the best part is that it's all FREE!!! The summer program begins June 28th and runs through August 20th. We are open Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm.

For more information, or to fill out an application, please contact Positive Paths Coordinator, Jannan Cotto, at 773-275-5871 x28 or Jannan@aic-chicago.org.



**Mark Your
Calendars!**

**Black River Falls
HO-CHUNK YOUTH SERVICES
FUNDRAISER**

Sat & Sun June 26-27 2010 10 AM till 5 PM

Car Wash, Craft Sale and Good Food!
Frybread, Indian Dogs, Indian Hamburgers, Indian Tacos and Drinks



Taking place at Whitetail Crossing Convenience Store

The purpose of this fundraiser is to teach our youth how to do beadwork, yard belts, baskets and other native crafts that are culturally related.

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will be taking applications for enrollment on the program by appointment only. Due to the shortage of staff we are seeing individuals by appointment. If you wish to sign up please call Michael R. Smith at 715-284-5877 Ext. 1135. He will inform you of what you will need to bring with you so we can sign you up with no further delays. Please let Mike know if you are traveling from outside the Black River Falls area to get to us.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience,
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CONGRATULATIONS!



Garrett Lowe

Garrett graduated May 29th from River Valley High School.

Future plans:

He plans to work with his father Mike at L.T. Plumbing.

Parents: Mike and Dawn Lowe
Grandparents: (late) Onan Lowe and Bonnie Lowe



Katie Pulvermacher

Katie graduated June 12th from Middleton High School.

Future Plans: She will be attending U.W. Milwaukee in the fall, 2010.

Parents: Roberta and John Pulvermacher
Grandparents: (late) Onan Lowe and Bonnie Lowe



Branden Lee Helgeson

2010 Assumption High School graduate

Parents: Michael & Ernestine Helgeson

Future Endeavors: Attend Midstate Technical College – WI Rapids Fall 2010. Then transfer to Minnesota College of Art and Design majoring in Graphic/Illustration Design.



Lainey W. Ward

Graduating from La Crosse Central High School.

She was active in Bowling throughout H.S. and placed 1st in the district bowling competition this year.

She plans to pursue her interest in Cosmetology.

Parents: Cynthia Radtke and Bill Ward
Maternal Grandparents: Exilda Rockman Stone, Robert Stone and the late Russell Monegar.
Paternal Grandmother: Marge Herring



Sarah Balderas

Graduated from Kilmer South High School

Congratulations Sarah, you have made us proud!

Love, your mom and brothers, Mario, Andrew, Gilbert Jr., friends and family



Nathaniel Decorah

High School: American School

Future endeavors: plans on attending MATC for Auto Mechanics.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Renee!

You're a whole year older,
and growing up so fast.

Love you: Gaga Anna,
Mom & Dad, your sisters,
Tega Fatman,
Auntie Angellica,
Bella & your
whole family



Happy Birthday

**HAPPY 10TH
AYANNA M.
UPCHURCH!!!**

JUNE 14, FLAG DAY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
OUR BABY GIRL!!
DOUBLE DIGITS,
WATCH OUT!!
THE BIG 1-0.
WE LOVE YOU BEAR!!
GOOD LUCK AT NATIONALS!!
~ LOVE, MOMMA, DADDY,
XMAN, T.T., & HAGA**



One Year Anniversary



June 25, 2010
Greg and Thea Blackdeer

July Elders Birthdays



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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Reuben Hall | 19 Jerry Kines |
| Curtis Mallory Sr. | William Winneshiek Jr. |
| Ardella Quackenbush | 20 Leslie Decorah Jr. |
| 2 Pat Schulz | Madeline Walker |
| 4 Elizabeth Deere | 21 Wilma Thompson |
| Nathan Dick | 22 Colette Trumpy |
| Helen Miller | Dennis Tsugawa |
| 5 Terry Steindorf | 23 Roberta Chrisjohn |
| 7 Pat Boyles | 24 Lewis Buchanan |
| 8 Prescilla Niemi | Constance Lonetree |
| 10 Millie Link | 25 Ed Winneshiek |
| Dale Stephens | 26 Marguerite Lebeck |
| Nadine WhiteEagle | Michael Hellrud |
| 13 Bonnie Stroessner | 28 Norman Smith |
| 15 Roley White Eagle | 29 Robert Tipton |
| 16 Wallace Johnson | Margaret WhiteEagle |
| Pearl Mrotek | 30 Marilyn La Mere |
| Cecelia Sine | 31 Doug Redeagle |
| Susan Jones | |

Tour de Cure

In March, 2010, I registered to ride in the Tour de Cure to raise contributions for diabetes prevention. With thousands of riders in 43 states, the Tour is credited with funding education and creating awareness about this preventable disease that continues to plague Indian Country.

On June 5, 2010, approximately 80 riders, both leisure and competitive, began their 25, 50, or 100k ride beginning at the Norbert Hill Center in Oneida, WI.

I joined the 100k (62-mile) riders and was fortunate enough to complete the course alongside some profound cyclists. I left at 7:54 a.m. and clipped out of my pedals at 11:12 a.m. For 3h and 18m, we rode some of Oneida's smoothest back roads hard cranking and averaging over 19 mph. It was quite exhilarating. It was a quick 62-mile ride but I carried the contributors and supporters in my thoughts the whole way even though I didn't need anything weighing me down.

Many people donated getting me on the "Fundraising Honor Roll" with \$674.00 raised in total. Thanks to the Tour's commitment, many individuals will benefit and from your generosity.

Thank you for supporting the cause and your continued support of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Healthy Lifestyle Balance program. We are fortunate to have such a resource on our side. I'm looking forward to next year's Tour.

Wainiginapwi,
Masu Ska
(Jon Greendeer)



Mr. & Mrs. Bow Lucero would like to Thank everyone who helped them celebrate their wedding day. Thank you to our Father Morgan White Eagle for letting us have our wedding at his home and helping us setting everything up. A special thank you to Mr. Johnny White Cloud, Marlon White Eagle, Truman Williams, and Stanly Decorah for taking care of the prayer service. A big thank you to Susette LaMere and all who helped her with the beautiful meals on our wedding day. Also would like to thank William Collins and the Little Thunder Singers for bringing their drum.

Pinagigi



Happy Fathers Day to Lindley Thompson!

I thank Mauna for you every day! You are a father who listens, defends and cares! When things go wrong, you never judge me, you are patient, helpful, strong and understanding. When everyone else turns their back on me, you were there to carry me through this time. I'll be home soon! I love you so much Daddy!

Love, Beep!



GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING July 27-29, 2010

A Guardian Ad Litem ("GAL") serves as an independent advocate and informs the Court of a child's interests in child protection and guardianship matters.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary currently seeks conscientious, caring and dependable individuals to fill this important role. Guardians ad litem receive compensation for their services and reimbursement for accumulated expenses.

Information regarding service as a GAL is available from the Clerk of Court at (800) 434-4070 or (715) 284-2722.

The HO-CHUNK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT requires that the Trial Court "appoint a guardian ad litem to protect the interests of the child," in every juvenile case. 4 HCC § 3.20b.

The Court will host an on-site GAL training session on July 27-29, 2010, at Wa Ehi Hoci in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Wisconsin Judicial Care, Inc., will conduct the training, which is free to Ho-Chunk members and Nation employees.

Current guardians at litem seeking to serve as a GAL for 2010-11 are required to attend under the HCN Rules for Guardian Ad Litem adopted by the Supreme Court. The rules are available at www.ho-chunknation.com.

Ho-Chunk employees may receive paid Educational Leave to attend the course. Please contact your immediate supervisor.



Annual Elder Picnic

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On June 16 Ho-Chunk elders from throughout the Nation's traditional communities traveled to Northwoods County Park near Pittsville for the Annual Ho-Chunk Nation Elder Picnic.

Approximately 75 elders enjoyed good conversation, good food and of course B-I-N-G-O at the event that brings together many of the people responsible for the benefits that all tribal members now enjoy.

Following a welcome by Elder Advisory Board Chairperson Parmenton Decorah, the posting of colors by members of the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 and songs by the Hiwasipi Drum Group the activities began.

Some of the elders stayed outdoors where they enjoyed the cool, cloudy day exercising with Exercise Physiologist Chris Frederick. Others retreated to the shelter where they enjoyed coffee and rolls prepared and served by TAU

staff members from Black River Falls, Wittenberg, Nekoosa, Wisconsin Dells and Tomah. Later everyone enjoyed a lunch of hot beef or pork sandwiches, potato salad, beans, fresh fruit and desert.

At a brief ceremony following lunch, three elders were honored for their past service to the Elder Advisory Board. Receiving plaques in recognition of their contributions were Pat Boyles, Arlene Shegonee Elwort and Gloria Visintin.



Exercise Physiologist Chris Frederick led the morning exercise group.



TAU staff members from throughout Ho-Chunk Country helped tribal elders throughout the day.



Elderly Advisory Board member Pat Boyles with Board Chairperson Parmenton Decorah.

Mary Payer

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk tribal member Mary Francis Waukan-Payer was born on April 7, 1922 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Her mother was Ruth Winneshiek-Waukan and her father was William Waukan. Mary grew up with four sisters (Anne, Naomi, Emily, and Helen) and one brother named Jason.

Early Life

Payer attended grade school in Black River Falls and was very quick to learn. After grade school however she stayed home with her family and helped take care of her siblings and other household chores.

Staying busy at an early age, Mary learned how to cut up meat from her grandfather, Ulysses White. Payer said she has noticed nowadays things are different and it seems as though many young people do not know how to do the old tradition of skinning and cutting up deer meat. Mary not only knows how to skin and cut up deer meat but she also knows how to properly skin and cut up the meat of any other animals.

Military Background

After living in Black River Falls for many years and facing family issues, Mary decided it was time for a change and moved to La Crosse, WI in 1940. Shortly after, she enlisted into the United States Army after seeing an ad in a

newspaper that was calling for Army workers and stated they would pay for a bus ticket to work for them.

During the 1940's, World War II was taking place and jobs were sparse. She rode the bus to Dickson, Illinois and made it through the lengthy process of Army training and examinations. Mary was then hired as an employee of the army to do inventory work. The army soon recognized that Mary was the quickest out of all the other employees and that she had a gift with numbers.

Life Choices

With help from the Army, Mary went back to school and attended Dickson High School to further her education and learn more. After two years of schooling, she received word from home that her mother was sick and needed an operation.

Mary headed back home to tend to her mother. Soon after her mother recovered her father grew sick, so Mary stayed and took care of household chores and the gardening until her father recovered. Mary remembers one day while picking beans in the garden, she heard cars honking their horns. Confused, she ran up to a car and asked what was going on. The driver responded, "Haven't you heard? The war is over!" Later that day Mary went to town and said everyone was happy and excited, restaurants

were even passing out free food.

Family

In 1950, Mary and her husband Joe Payer had their first child who they named Barbara. Over the years, they had five more children named Ruth Anne, William (Bill), George, Ralph, and Claud.

Family life became difficult for Joe and he would often-times be absent from home for a long period of time. Payer, however, remembers Joe being a great father and remembers having good times with him as well. In 1975, Joe passed away in a fatal car crash and Mary had to raise her children on her own. Looking back, Mary likes to remember the good times with Joe more than the struggles she had.

Payer raised her children the best she could as a single mother and takes pride in preparing them for the world. She makes sure they still stay in line and reminds them of reality when it is needed. One of her favorite phrases is, "I'm not trying to scare you I'm just trying to prepare you."

Hobbies

Like many others, Mary has faced hard times and many struggles throughout her life but continues to stay positive.

Even though she does not travel as much as she would like to, she still keeps herself busy. Mary has collected wind chimes from San Diego, Cali-



Ho-Chunk Nation elder, Mary Payer is a wind chime connoisseur.

fornia, Nebraska, and even Canada. Payer enjoys traveling and spending time by the ocean but admits to taking it easy lately due to not being able to handle the far distances like she used to.

Another hobby is gardening and became busy right away this past spring planting beans, cucumbers, and sweet

corn in her garden.

Mary continues to live in Black River Falls and not only looks forward to her gardening every year, but also enjoys having many visits from her grandchildren. She even looks forward to getting back to see the ocean again and hopes to be able to travel soon.